SEC. 1504. PARENT FEES

The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations establishing fees to be charged parents for the attendance of children at military child development centers. Those regulations shall be uniform for the military departments and shall require that, in the case of children who attend the centers on a regular basis, the fees shall be based on family income. Regulations.

SEC. **1505.** CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND SAFETY AT FACILITIES

(a) CHILD ABUSE TASK FORCE.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish and maintain a special task force to respond to allegations of widespread child abuse at a military installation. The task force shall be composed of personnel from appropriate disciplines, including, where appropriate, medicine, psychology, and childhood development. In the case of such allegations, the task force shall provide assistance to the commander of the installation, and to parents at the installation, in helping them to deal with such allegations. Establishment.

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(b) NATIONAL HOTLINE.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall establish and maintain a national telephone number for persons to use to report suspected child abuse or safety violations at a military child development center or family home day care site. The Secretary shall ensure that such reports may be made anonymously if so desired by the person making the report. The Secretary shall establish procedures for following up on complaints and information received over that number.

Effective date.

(2) The Secretary shall establish such national telephone number not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall publicize the existence of the number.

Regulations.

(3) ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations requiring that, in a case of allegations of child abuse at a military child development center or family home day care site, the commander of the military installation or the head of the task force established under subsection (a) shall seek the assistance of local child protective authorities if such assistance is available.

(4) SAFETY REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations on safety and operating procedures

at military
child development centers. Those regulations shall apply uniformly
among the military departments.
(5) INSPECTIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall require that each
military child development center be inspected not less often than
four times a year. Each such inspection shall be unannounced. At
least one inspection a year shall be carried out by a representative
of the installation served by the center, and one inspection a year
shall be carried out by a representative of the major command
under which that installation operates.
(6) REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.—(1) Except as provided in para-
graph (2), any violation of a safety, health, or child welfare law or
regulation (discovered at an inspection or otherwise) at a military
child development center shall be remedied immediately.
(2) In the case of a violation that is not life threatening, the
commander of the major command under which the installation
concerned operates may waive the requirement that the violation be
remedied immediately for a period of up to 90 days beginning on the
date of the discovery of the violation. If the violation is not remedied
as of the end of that 90-day period, the military child development
center shall be closed until the violation is remedied. The Secretary